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PATENT FACILITY
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of patent facility centres opened since 1995 till date in the wake of new-global system established after the World Trade Organisation Agreement;

(b) whether the Government propose to open more such patent centres in the country; and

(c) if so, the details thereof, Statewise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT)

a) Six Patent Facilitating Centres have been set up at the Central level, namely: Patent Facilitating Centre, DST, Biotechnology Patent Facilitating Cell, DBT, IPR Cell, Ministry of Information Technology, IPR Unit, Indian Council of Agricultural Research, Patent Cel Deptt. of Indian System of Medicine & Homoeopathy, IPR Cell, Indian Council of Medical Research; and seven Patent Informatio Centres at the State level, namely: Andhra Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Manipur, Panjab, Rajasthan, West Bengal.

b) & c) Although there are no immediate proposals for more centres, the creation of new centres will depend on the assessment of needs and an evaluation of the performance of the existing centres.